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## A FREE MAN!

**George M. Sisco Charged With Murder-Released From Custody.**

### INCIDENTS OF THE TRIAL I

The second trial of George M. Sisco, charged with the murder of Miss Bertha Williamson, closed on Wednesday evening, the verdict of the jury being "Not Guilty."

It will be remembered that on the first trial the jury disagreed and Sisco was permitted to give a bond for his appearance at the following term of court. A great deal of feeling has existed since the tardy deed was committed and to an extent still remains.

It is hoped, however, that the verdict of the jury, weighing the evidence carefully and patiently as they unquestionably did, will relieve much of the tension that has existed between the friends of the accused and those of the lovable daughter, who was the victim of so dark a crime.

Judge Gordon, who presided at this trial, is a typical type of the fair minded, decisive Judge whom all respect. His rulings were so plainly put, so just and right that no question was raised on either side as he announced his decision on the many conflicting points of evidence. The court house was packed daily with sweltering humanity. The closing day Judge Gordon adjourned the court to the Opera House where many hundred people could listen to the closing arguments of the numerous counsel.

Two full days were consumed in selecting the jury from a venire of 200. Messrs. Grayot, Henderson and Headley represented the Commonwealth, Messrs. James & James and Moore & Moore the defense. The examination of witnesses lasted until Tuesday afternoon when the arguments of counsel were commenced. At 7:30 p. m. Wednesday the court gave the case to the jury who returned their verdict of "Not Guilty" at 9 o'clock the same evening. The jury was composed of the following gentlemen:

J. C. Haycraft	J. E. Haycraft
R. N. Lynn	James White
J. B. McKinley	J. W. Hamby
M. S. Henry	G. H. Barger
Luther Reed	B. B. Barger
Chas. Marble	W. P. Watson

## JOHN CLARK

**Drowned in The Ohio River While Bathing.**

### A MOST LAMENTABLE AFFAIR!

John Clark, aged 19, son of Ira Clark who lives on Ben Rankins' farm near Weston, was in the Ohio bathing with his brother, Reed, aged 14, and Tommy Hughes, of the same age, last Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock.

John saw a log some distance out in the river and started to swim to it. Before he reached the log he seemed to have changed his mind and turned to swim for the shore. Ere he had made many strokes his body instantly disappeared.

Young Clark was probably seized with muscle cramps causing him to go under the water. His companion, Tommie Hughes, took in the situation at a glance and hastened

to where the drowning lad was struggling. Notwithstanding the fact, Hughes was a great deal smaller and four years younger than Clark, he put forth heroic efforts to effect a rescue. The drowning boy grasped frantically at Hughes' neck and it is indeed a wonder that they were not both drowned.

Tommie yelled for help with all his might, but when assistance did come, Clark had sunk to rise no more and his body could not be found. Neighbors and friends labored all Saturday night endeavoring to locate the body but in vain. At last, about 8 o'clock Sunday morning the body was found 200 yards down stream.

The young man was buried at Mt. Zion cemetery Sunday afternoon at five o'clock, a large crowd of mourning relatives and friends being present. Rev. U. G. Hughes in a sermon of sincere sympathy and comfort preached the funeral.

## BASE BALL

**Kuttawa Team Proves "Dead Easy" For Marion Boys.**

The game last Friday between the locals and Kuttawa was a very one-sided contest and ended in a victory for Marion by a score of 14 to 2. There were no features to the game outside of the general good playing of the locals and especially the battery work of Driskill and Hurley. The visiting team made a number of errors both of omission and commission, the former counting more in the score than the latter.

Yates was on the crippled list with a split toenail and Doss, who took his place, made three two-base hits.

The line-up was as follows:

MARION	POSITION	KUTTAWA
Hurley	Catcher	Akin
Driskill	Pitcher	Brashear
McNeely	First Base	Long
Lamb	Second Base	Pettit
Gussie	Third Base	Gresham
Nesbit	Short Stop	Brown
Doss	Left Field	Robinson
Gilbert	Center Field	Jackson
Clark	Right Field	Parmenter

The score by innings:

1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9	R. H. E.
Marion	-1-1-1-1-3-0-4-1-14 28 9
Kuttawa	-0-0-0-0-0-1-1-0-0-2 15 9

Batteries—Marion—Driskill and Hurley. Kuttawa—Brashear and Akin. Umpire—John L. Grayot.

A great game is anticipated today (Friday) at Princeton, as the locals think they are in a fair way to win with a fair umpire. A special car has been chartered and a large crowd of "rooters" are going from here.

Marion plays the L. A. L. team of Paducah, here on Monday, July 25th. The L. A. L. team is the strongest amateur team of Paducah, and is made up of players from the K. I. T. league. People who want to see a star team play must not miss this game.

The locals have practiced hard and faithfully all week in order to be in the best shape possible for the games to-day and Monday. Several other games are looked for the near future.

### Mrs. James Gilbert Dead.

Saturday night at 8 o'clock Mrs. Jas. Gilbert who lived five miles north of town passed away at the age of 69 years. Mrs. Gilbert died of consumption, having suffered most intensely many weeks.

Her maiden name was Sarah Worley, being a sister to R. C., J. D. and M. T. Worley, all of this county. She leaves a husband 75 years of age and four children, Mrs. Henry Holloman, Mrs. Laura Fritts, Mrs. Kessie Johnson and James C. who deeply mourn her loss.

## THE RECORD'S MINING NEWS.

**The Week's Doings Throughout District Told in Paragraphs.**

**NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN VIRGIN TERRITORY—SALES OF LANDS AND NEW LEASES—JOPLIN MARKET.**

## ORE SHIPMENTS CONTINUE LARGE!

### OUR JOPLIN ADVICES

state that there was a sensational rise in the price of zinc ore last week. Forty dollars per ton was paid, being a jump of \$4. All grades of ore advanced from \$4 to \$6, the assay basis being \$36 per ton for 60 per cent ore. A great many reasons are given for this advance, but the fact of a scarcity of ore and no surplus to amount to anything in sight, with every smelter bidding for it, is reason enough. The price will very likely be considerably higher next week. Lead ore is selling at \$54.50 per ton, delivered.

### AS SHOWING

the trend of events, even with the temperature away up in the "stickies," the sale of mining lands, the leasing and taking options on property where it is known certain veins pass, continue with increased vigor. Each new week seems to outdo the old one, and indeed the district, while not at a financial fever heat, is decidedly hot as regards investments from outside of the state.

### THE OFFICIALS

of the Crittenden Mining Company, through Mr. J. O. Clore, of Henderson, the vice president, advise their mining superintendent here that they will commence work on both of their properties—the Catharine White place for fluor spar, and the Flannery property, which carries the big Larue vein, for lead and zinc. A shaft was started on the latter property, exposing a very strong vein, several months ago. A second vein passing through this land, said to be very rich in lead, will be opened.

### NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PELL MINK

it is understood, are drawing near a favorable consummation. This is an ideal mining property for both zinc and fluorspar. A Joplin type of separating plant, capable of handling 50 tons of ore daily, is already installed, and the output can be made more than sufficient to keep the machinery going every day in the year. Lawrence Cruce, of Marion, is now operating the property, being one of the principal owners, but his business in the Indian Territory being of so much more importance, he has finally consented to dispose of his interest.

### AT 78 FEET

depth in the Robinson-Conway property in the Memphis mine country, an exceedingly heavy brown zinc blende runs very heavily through the fluor spar. Samples showing fully 20 per cent. of zinc in nuggets that a slight hand dressing would make a good shipping ore are shown in quantity.

### JUDGE COOK OF MURRAY

Ky., whose option on the E. B. Franklin farm, near Levas, will expire in a few months, has already expended some \$1,200 to \$1,500 in prospecting without uncovering any considerable body of

ore. Within the past few days, however, the results on the LaRue property, which adjoins Franklin's, have enabled Judge Cook to locate the vein and good results may be expected.

### THE BEN VANDELL FARM

purchased by Mr. J. B. Hubbard, of the Farmers Bank, for \$1,200, about a year ago, has been purchased of Mr. Hubbard by Evansville parties for \$3,000. It is thought this land carries the Old Jim vein.

### CHARLIE LARUE OF LEVIAS

the general merchant at that place, has threatened for a year or two to do some mining work on a piece of ground he has owned for a number of years near his store. A week ago he finally commenced work, and perhaps he was as much astonished as anyone else to open up a very strong body of fluor spar, which appears to be of good quality.

### AT CARRSVILLE

considerable work is being accomplished on several of the Carrsville veins. The Schofield-Spees Company have their shaft down 70 feet with flattering indications of a good run of ore. At the Burns property work was started on July 1st and will be carried forward with a good deal of vigor. Prof. Wright is having some trouble with water, but he has his machinery plant in good shape and will shortly be in the market with ore.

### ROSS GIVEN'S

apparently has some considerable first class fluor spar on the same vein as that of the Bonanza shaft some two miles from Lola. His intention, we understand, is to ship his output to Golconda for railroad transportation, the haul to the river being much less than to Marion.

**THE WHEATCROFT MINING COMPANY** of Mexico, Ky., have contracted their entire output of fluor spar to a local company.

### THE EXTREME HIGH TEMPERATURE

of the past week rendered mining on the surface very hard work. As a consequence the output of ore will not reach the weekly average.

### THERE ARE

very fine surface showings for zinc ore some two miles northeast of Sheridan. The outcrop is very similar to that just below Lola on the Mann carbonate property. Some prospecting is being carried on now in this section and the showing so far is most favorable.

### THERE PROBABLY WILL

be found somewhere in the district a mineral known as the "Carbonate of Barium," wanted for the basic lining of iron and steel furnaces, being superior to magnesite in its lasting qualities. We have more or less of the common Barites used as a pigment, but so far the carbonate has not been found. It is of the same general makeup as the ordinary barites, but will effervesce upon the application of hydro

chloric acid the same as carbonate of zinc, while the common variety will not. This product will sell for a good price by the carload.

### THE CITY COUNCIL'S

action in extending the city limits meets with almost unanimous approval. This extension includes a portion of the Reed Mining Company's property, so that instead of being just outside the city limits, many of the large building lots are now a part of the city. Naturally these lots will increase in value more rapidly than those outside, as they will have the benefit of street lights, city water whenever the waterworks are completed, better streets and better sanitary care. For the present the lots, 50x150, with 40 foot streets and 15 foot alleys, will be sold for \$75, which includes 1,000 shares of stock in the Reed Mining Company, the par value of which is \$1,000. The opening of the Lucile vein on this property, which is now being arranged for, will advance the value of these shares very materially.

### THE FLUOR SPAR

used in the Little Belle Blast furnace of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company at Bessemer, Ala., was especially prepared for the purpose in this city. The Little Belle furnace of the Tennessee company has a capacity for the production of 100 tons of pig iron daily. The iron ore and coke used in Alabama carries a considerable percentage of sulphur as well as phosphorus, and as a natural sequence the pig iron produced is largely of a low grade and brings a low price. The object of this test, the first perhaps ever made with fluor spar in a blast furnace, was to eliminate the sulphur and reduce the silicon in the iron. Mr. D. C. Roberts, who visited Alabama for the express purpose of assisting in this special work, brings back some interesting information regarding the Southern iron districts, as well as special data connected with the tests made in the blast furnace, showing the marked improvement in the pig produced by the use of very small quantities of fluor spar with each charge of ore, limestone and coke. Samples of the pig iron made by this method can be seen in the Kentucky Fluor Spar Company's office in this city, the iron having a distinctly different fracture and color from that produced without the use of fluor spar.

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## DROWNS IN WATER BUT KNEE DEEP

**Louisville Jurist Falls While in Bathing and All Efforts to Save Him Avail Not.**

Judge Upton Muir, of Louisville, Ky., spending a vacation at Cape May, Va., lost his life in the surf Wednesday while bathing. The judge was enjoying a bath a half hour before he drowned. He was in water about knee deep at a point where there were no gullies. Several persons on the beach saw him fall face downward and as he did not immediately get up some bathers went to his rescue.

He was unconscious and every effort made to resuscitate him was without success. Among the first to appear on the scene was General J. Wats Kearney, who is a brother-in-law of the judge and with whom Judge and Mrs. Muir were staying in their cottage. The body will be taken to Louisville tomorrow.

## HOME POSTOFFICES

**The Government Will Deliver Mail at Residences**

**IF YOU WILL FURNISH A MAIL BOX.**

On the first day of July a new law or a ruling of the Post Office Department, we are not advised just which, took effect, which is certainly a step forward and a convenience to those who live on or near any of the Star routes in the State of Kentucky and very likely most of the other states of the Union.

After the above date any citizen living on or near a star route has the right to erect a box for the receipt and dispatch of all his mail each and every day the mail is carried. Some of these routes are daily and some are twice or three times per week. This ruling of the Post Office Department practically makes Rural Free Delivery routes of all Star routes and no matter if the patron lives two miles off the line of the route provided he erects the proper kind of a box the mail carrier is paid to deliver and take up all his mail.

Centering in our own office here in Marion are five Star routes supplying twenty offices.

The routes are as follows: Starr, Ky. to Marion, Ky. and return. Twice a week—Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Marion, Ky. to Salem, Ky. and return, daily.

Marion, Ky. to Shady Grove, Ky. and return, daily.

Tolu, Ky. to Marion, Ky. and return, daily.

Ford's Ferry, Ky. to Marion, Ky. and return. Twice a week, Tuesdays and Fridays.

These five routes supply the following offices: Starr, Levas, Salem, Lola, Hampton, Joy, Carrsville, Birdsville, Vicksburg, Pinckneyville, Mullikin, Smithland, Tribune, Iron Hill, Shady Grove, Tweedleville, Quinn, Sheridan, Irma, Hardesty, Tolu, and Ford's Ferry.

When we come to think of all the number of people that live on or near some one of these routes our opinion is that the saving of time and labor in going after the mail will be quite considerable. This added to the convenience and economy of having the daily papers and market reports, makes quite an onward step in the matter of Rural Free Delivery.

That our readers may know what companies have conformed to the law and what boxes have been approved by the proper Department officials we herewith give a list, not of all that have been approved, but of the leading companies and most popular boxes together with the price:

Bond Steel Post Co., Adrian, Mich., offer for sale Uncle Sam's Favorite, \$2; Adrian, \$1.50; Log Cabin, \$1; The Dixie, \$1.50.

Century Post Co., Tecumseh, Mich., offer only two boxes, Century, \$2; Tecumseh \$1.25.

Canton Little Roofing Co., Canton, Ohio, make one box, no name, price \$2.25.

C. G. Folsom, of South Bend, Ind., makes a box for \$1.80.

Any of our readers that desire one of these boxes can call on us and we will make the order or he can order direct. The boxes are all made with patent storm proof features and are easy to operate. Most of them fly a flag when any thing is placed in them thus calling the attention of the carrier or of the owner of the box.